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Warsaw Uprising

One of the little known, heart breaking stories of the war was the betrayal of the Polish underground forces which fought to the death for the liberation of Warsaw while the Red Army loitered on the outskirts of the city. As the Red Army advanced toward Warsaw, the patriots of the Polish underground thought the time had come to rise within the city against the Nazis to aid the Red Army and speed the deliverance of the city. Also, the underground forces in Warsaw had been linked with the Free Polish government in London and had followed London-Polish leadership in believing the hour had come to strike, but Stalin has his own Free Polish government in Moscow, and his policy has been to ignore the London-Polish government. The Red Army drew to a halt at the edge of the city for "reorganization," that delay was drawn out while the underground forces fought on hopelessly, waiting to be relieved by the Red Army which did not come. Thus the Soviet path was cleared of London interference, and the Moscow-Polish alliance can be assured of a freer hand in adjusting Polish problems!

Secretary of State Hull, after persuading Russia and Britain to sign the Moscow Pact with the United States, announced the end of spheres of influence, balance of power and similar political maneuverings, but since then the acts of Russia in Poland and eastern Europe, and British policies, which have insisted on a British domination of western Europe to counterbalance Russian domination of eastern Europe, have constantly undermined Mr. Hull's promises.

Neither Poland, nor any other small nation, is represented on the London Big Three Commission which is drawing the peace settlement, or at the Dumbarton Big Three conference which drafted a new League of Nations to be controlled by a council dominated by the big powers, or at the Quebec conference. Still, British and American officials continue to pledge a democratic and just peace in which small nations will share equally. And even while these promises are being made, small nations, such as Poland and Finland, are being carved to pieces, their cries of pain suppressed.

Occupation Censorship

Did you know that censorship officials in London have ruled that American correspondents may not transmit or *even inter-*

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ONE WONDER ABOUT JESUS is His never failing modernity. The works and words of man soon become out-of-date and forgotten, or at best are shelved respectfully with the annals of antiquity. Nothing Jesus ever said has been forgotten or discarded. That is an overwhelming miracle in itself. Not only have His words survived, but they have power of making a startling fresh challenge whenever they are applied to a modern scene. That is why the church, its programs, its ministers and laymen should never be dull, colorless or apathetic. If we should really believe His words and project them into life about us, the church and the Christian would again be the center of interest and often tumultuous excitement as well as the center of healing and comfort. If you doubt this, you should read the Book of Acts again.

X-Ray and Forecast

A war-weary world rejoices at any progress toward peace. We are grateful for all and any steps that United Nation leaders have succeeded in taking. The newspapers have been full of agreements made by the United States, Britain, Russia and China, and those agreements we need not repeat; but we must remind you again that behind all the official announcements and acclaim concerning the proposed post-war peace structure, there are many disturbing facts that have been carefully suppressed. Since these suppressed situations are of the same nature and pertain to the same conditions that caused World War II, we feel they should not be left unknown to the Christian layman.

1. The whole set up of this post-war peace structure has been shaped to restore and preserve in toto the pre-war status quo of British, Dutch and French imperialism which was a primary cause of World War II.

2. Because of the above, the Atlantic Charter, so loudly and enthusiastically hailed when the United Nations were in trouble, has been largely set aside under a shroud of diplomatic terminology intimating that "the Charter wasn't meant to be taken seriously in the first place."

3. Not only was the pre-war status quo guaranteed, but the way was left open for Britain to add to the spoils of empire at the expense of Italy, a matter which has been subjected to the severest censorship but which, never-the-less, reminds one of the brazen facts behind the whole new peace structure. Italians have been informed by London that Italy is to lose not only Ethiopia, but also the pre-Mussolini colonies of Somaliland, Lybia and Eritrea. British guns now hold these areas, and even British and American newspapermen are forbidden to report much that is being done there behind the screen of British military occupation.

4. While the new peace structure ignores the fact that millions in India, Burma, Africa and elsewhere are asking for part of the Four Freedoms, a deal has been made with Russia in which the rest of the big powers will ignore the Russian conquest and absorption of Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland and whatever parts of the Balkans Stalin can win in the checker game he is now playing with the British in that area.

5. Small nations, and even the Dutch and French whose empires have been guaranteed by Churchill as props of British imperialism, are voicing their fear and disapproval of the fact that the Big Four Power peace plan is just what it says it is—a plan based on armed might to be used to hold down vast areas of the world's population in political and economic servitude. Smaller nations feel that this is the wrong hypothesis, that armed power is an uncertain foundation. The project to set up international courts of arbitration where smaller nations may present their claims means nothing, insist the spokesmen of the small nations, when those courts must work and live under the pressure, not of an impartial international police force, but of the might of four great powers whose special interests will be at stake in many of the issues before such courts. The American public is hearing little of the loud wave of protests which has arisen in Latin America as well as in Europe and Asia.

6. In China's part of the new league to keep peace, there is a certain amount of duplicity that is both tragic and amusing. China can stay in, but she mustn't bring up such touchy subjects as Hong Kong, which the British insist on reclaiming, or a free Indo-China, which France wants back, and China must keep quiet on India's freedom, which cause the Chinese passionately espouse. So China sits in, playing a dummy

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pret opinions on Allied plans for post-war occupation of Germany? Five hundred thousand American boys are to patrol Germany, but the American public is not to be allowed to know what the aims of occupation are to be; it must merely accept official handouts which in the past have often been misleading and false.

The key to this is what has happened in Italy. The same censorship prevailed there, and official announcements stated that Allied-Italian relations were sweet and democratic, but now it has become widely known that secret agreements were forced upon the London-sponsored, new Rome government—agreements which chiefly concerned the prevention of any popular movement or uprising among Italians that would disturb the economic status quo so dear to the hearts of London-Wall Street investors. And, as the whole world knows now, the Italian people, instead of helping the Allied forces drive out the Nazis, have stood by in sullen resentment, following a program of non-cooperation which has reduced Italy under Allied rule to conditions admittedly worse than under Nazi domination.

China Speaks

China, a great nation but as yet a lesser military power, has lifted a voice for the weaker peoples of the earth. The Chinese ask that a federation of nations be formed. The smaller nations, speaking through China, want an international police force that will do away with big armies. Of the nations taking a major part in this war, China is the only one which stresses the importance of freedom for colonies. China courageously lists the struggle for colonies as one of the causes of war and insists that a perpetual peace in the world can be achieved only by the eventual abolition of the policy of colonization, including the system of territories mandated to various countries. The Chinese suggestion urges a gradually achieved self-government for all improved territories, equality of access to raw materials for all nations, and the abolition of trade barriers and those immigration barriers which are based on racial prejudices.

Not only have the British, American and Russian officials refused to consider China's suggestion taking the part of the smaller, weaker nations of the earth, but also considerable effort has been made to suppress the requests so that the surface agreements made among the Big Three will not be dis-

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role which she does not relish and will not long tolerate, while the other boys do all the dealing and collect all the chips. But China's armies are weak and, as we have pointed out, what counts now is guns, little else beside the power of steel in guns and wings and ships.

7. Russia is known to have held back on several points, some items of which have been published and others suppressed. Also, as indicated above, China has raised several protests which were quickly squashed. It is openly admitted, however, in Washington that, in spite of a few mild official pronouncements by Chinese and Russian spokesman, neither China nor the Soviet are pleased with the new league plan and have been frank to say so. We believe a brief study of the above report tells why. If China and Russia are not sincerely in accord with security plans, then how strong are the foundations of those plans?

The Christian layman can continue to pray that this beginning toward peace may be followed by further progress that will really dig deep enough to displace some of the selfishness and blindness that make any frank appraisal of the present achievements more provocative of anxiety than of confidence.

Dogs Too Smart for War?

A news dispatch in the New York Times reports that the Japanese, after observing that the Americans used dogs effectively in warfare, began to send to the front an assortment of lap dogs, poodles and mutts that put the American GI's in stitches. Trouble was that the poodles had a way of ambling up to an American position, yapping for a while so the Japanese could get their direction and range, and then trotting back as Japanese mortar fire concentrated upon the revealed American positions. For a while the Americans, with sorrow, were forced to kill these Japanese canine spotters. Then a strange thing happened. The Japanese dogs along the line began to desert to the Americans. They quit yapping and began "infiltrating" the Amercian lines. Some American lad knew enough about dogs to know that, although accustomed since puppyhood to rice and fish, even a Japanese poodle would discover he'd been missing something once he nosed into some GI canned beef. So the word got around among dogs in the Japanese sector, in that mysterious way dog knowledge defies space and language, and whole packs of bilingual poltroon pooches are now mascots of some American outfit in the South Pacific. We wish one of those little Pacific mutts could be sent on furlough to Washington to associate with some of the great brains there whose job is supposed to be psychological warfare—a department in this war where so far we have completely failed.

Chiang of China

The situation within China has created much misunderstanding. We have reported to you the widespread ill-feeling that the Chinese feel toward Britain and the United States for the failure of those governments to keep promises of aid to China, but what the Chinese resent most are the constantly repeated falsehoods uttered by London-Washington spokesmen concerning the extent of that aid. For instance, as you may have seen in the papers, Chinese leaders were angered by Churchill's deliberately false statements in Parliament concerning what he called America's "lavish assistance" to China. The Chinese realize that such untruths are a part of Churchill's policy to create the impression that China is weak and unable to take a place among the strong nations, and that the same policy has, for over two years, prevented American arms and munitions, destined for China through India, from going beyond India where they have been held to bolster the reserves of strength against a possible Indian revolt.

On the other hand, American military leaders in China have been having a sorry time of it due to the steady disintegration of China's political and military situation. Chiang Kai-shek wanted to help the British save Burma but he was turned down, (Between the Lines, May 22, 1944), and now, since Burma fell into Japanese hands, American military leaders have wanted Chiang to use his men to help in various ways to recapture Burma. Chiang, disgruntled over Britain's former snub, has only reluctantly cooperated. (Possibly he fears that a large Chinese force, trained by the Allies to fight in Burma, might in the future endanger his position of authority.)

Added to this conflict are other sharp points of difference between Chiang and American leaders. The American air force in China expected Chiang to furnish Chinese guards for the airfields, but Chiang wanted American troops brought in for this duty. However, the Americans felt that the most economical and efficient action would be to use some of China's millions of men of military age who are already on the scene. Hundreds of thousands of the Chinese Army's best troops are being used in the north to check the communists, and many more fine fighting men are controlled by war lords who pay lip service to Chiang but who refuse to use their troops against the Japanese.

Madame Chiang's arrival in the United States gives rise to speculations concerning the domestic affairs of China's First Family. Considerable reliability is given to reports that the Generalissimo is now inclined to

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Dollars for Nazis

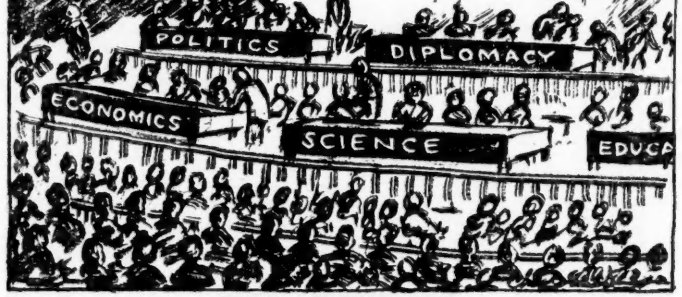
Through secret agreements, twenty-five to thirty-five million American dollars were sent to Germany to be used as much needed foreign exchange for German war preparations. Such is the charge brought by the Justice Department against five American banks, the Chase National Bank, the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation, and the then Nazi-controlled New York Overseas Corporation, Robert C. Mayer and Company, and Deutsche Handels and Wirtschaftsdienst. Ostensibly this financial arrangement was made to facilitate the return of German nationals and Nazi sympathizers to the Reich. A special rate of 4.10 marks for each American dollar instead of the official exchange rate of 2.50 marks per American dollar was offered, and the cooperating banks were paid a seven per cent commission on the sales.

Stone for Bread

The CIO is making a plea to the churches to give more help and attention to the country's workers. "From those who profess to walk in the footsteps of the Carpenter of Nazareth, workers have sought bread and often received a stone," states a CIO pamphlet soon to be published. The author of the pamphlet, Kermit Eby, a Church of the Brethren minister, is head of the CIO's education department and believes that misguided cultist ministers, some of them subsidized by reactionary industrialists, are stirring up among the workers hate, fear and intolerance of minority races, creeds or nationalities, and are menacing the hope of a better tomorrow. "Those who preach hate to the frustrated," states Mr. Eby in the pamphlet, " are sowing the seeds of . . . our own brand of American fascism."

Now is the time when the established churches must re-examine their attitude toward, and service to, the workers, not permitting the dislike of labor leadership, that has been ingrained into our thinking, to cause them to miss this opportunity.

A movement is now under way to have regularly established chaplains attached to all large factories and industries—a trend of thought that envisions vast new opportunities for the church and the Christian message.



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There can be no progress unless justice, truth and mercy are paramount in human attitudes and conduct. When politics stand above these cardinal principles, we have an era of corruption. When diplomacy and politics have primacy, we have world war. When economics or science or education ignore the spiritual factors of life and link themselves with materialism, we can have anything from a strangling monopolistic regime to a violent revolution of the proletariat. Men can resent this truth and ignore it, as they have many times in the past, but the failure to put the voice and will of God above all will always end in disaster.

Whose War in the Pacific?

It has leaked out in Washington official circles that the American Navy men resent Churchill's verbose declamations about the British Navy getting into action soon in the Pacific. Especially do they resent his statement about the problem of Britain's coming into the war with Japan, not as a matter of British willingness but of America's "making room" for British participation. The United States Navy feels it has the Pacific situation well in hand—which, indeed, it has—and that, if the British want action, what about their starting something in the Indian Ocean zone where, (under Lord Mountbatten), the British are supposed to have been fighting a war without accomplishing anything. "Why all the big talk about joining us in the Pacific where we have done all the fighting—and are even ahead of battle schedules—with little supporting action in Japan's vulnerable zones in the Indian area?" say our Navy men.

British Election

Watch for a general election in England right after the fall of Germany. Churchill knows that millions of Englishmen who respect him as a great war leader do not want him in peace time. Churchill is manipulating the election to time it so that it can occur while his war-time popularity will still be at its peak in victory and before the liberals, who would displace him, will have had time to get their guns placed and pointed.

Housing for Negroes

The problem of better Negro housing is one of the most pressing needs in the American scene. An enormous system of exploitation has resulted from the rental of unsanitary buildings and shacks to Negroes. Often these rows of despicable hovels are owned by respectable church members who piously occupy front pews and will pay a silver-tongued pastor liberally if he will keep his oratory off the theme of greed, selfishness and exploitation across the tracks. Realty boards over the country have become alarmed about the prospect of widespread Federal housing projects to displace Negro slum settlements, and these real estate leaders are now trying to work out plans for providing better housing for Negro families in privately owned housing projects. The organized real estate industry says that providing good housing to Negroes is not merely a matter of "uplift," but can be made profitable. As if that was a discovery! The government housing authorities are encouraging the realty men and urging them to fulfil their plans, believing that perhaps this move may not only improve the home conditions of Negro families but may also improve the moral conscience of many thousands of investors.

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Madame Chiang had built up in her husband a great confidence that America and American Christians were the best friends China had and that the United States would not let China down. Also, Chiang was convinced by his wife that American attitudes toward China and its leaders were of the greatest importance. Now, however, both Chiang and his wife feel betrayed by the failure of the United States to come to the aid of China, and they bitterly resent the bland gestures of friendship and pretensions of generous help. Consequently the Generalissimo has drawn back into his background of traditional Chinese attitude and thought, with its distrust of the west and of all things pertaining to the west.

War Aim Protest

Protesting "unconditional surrender" as a "war cry which I regard not only as foolish but as one of the outstanding examples of criminal neglect in British Empire history," Captain the Honorable William Douglas-Home resigned his commission and quit the British Army. A United Press release tells the striking story of the 33-year-old Englishman who, although a descendant of a family with a fighting tradition which dates back more than four centuries, has no stomach for an assignment to lead men into battle and to death for today's war aims. Captain Home expressed his attitude and position clearly by stating:

"I do not believe a negative war aim to be worth the bones of one British grenadier. Yet . . . I am to charge forth not as captain of my soul but as captain of the Royal Armored Corps, not for my conception of the truth but for what I regard as being a deliberately false reading of international politics by statesmen playing the old game of power politics for the second time in twenty years. Am I and those who think like me not to be allowed to choose whether to live for our own ideals or to die for a negative of ideals of two very tired old men?"

Moving Spotlight

Anti-Protestant Discrimination

Protestant missionaries are still being barred from passage to Latin America because our State Department refuses to grant them passports. Catholic workers are permitted to move freely between this country and the South American republics, but, as we have reported in the past, a campaign conducted by the American Catholic hierarchy to persuade the State Department that Protestant workers are obstructing our good neighbor policy in Latin America has resulted in this absurd and undemocratic action. Even prominent Latin Americans have protested against the discrimination, but Wall Street and the Catholic hierarchy are the two largest influences in our State Department. What is more, we do not say this by way of accusation, but as an indication that united Catholic effort can effectively outclass the divided and discordant voices of Protestanism.

Relief Abuse in Italy

New reports are reaching America concerning discrimination against Protestants in the distribution of relief supplies in Italy. "Outrageous discrimination" is the descriptive phrase used in relating how Protestant women and children are left starving in the streets by Catholic authorities who have gained control of much of the Allied relief distributions. So far efforts to correct this situation have achieved little result.

Freedom of Religion in Bulgaria

As Bulgaria comes over to the Allied cause under pressure of Soviet arms, three outstanding reforms are being instituted: Equal rights for women, separation of church and state and freedom of religion. Much of Bulgaria has been under the domination of the Greek Orthodox Church and the conditions prevailing there were very similar to those of pre-revolutionary Russia. The Greek Orthodox Church in the past has used every possible means to suppress all "free evangelicals" such as Baptists and Methodists, consequently these reforms mean a new day of opportunity for Protestants in Bulgaria.

No Religious Education in Russia

The fact that the churches of Russia are not permitted to teach religion to children has recently come to light. Children are to be taught religion only by their parents. Religious instruction must not be given in a church, synagogue or mosque. The churches can be used legally only for worship and prayer and for no other purpose. There is something in this to caution us against a premature acceptance of the "return to religion" in Russia so widely publicized by our government spokesmen. What can worship and the freedom of religion mean if the church cannot evangelize or teach?

Capitalistic Living Standard

The Soviet officials are working hard to get effective propaganda to the Russian troops now invading capitalistic countries. In spite of five years of war, silk stockings, lipsticks and smart dresses glorify more women in the Balkans and Poland than a Soviet soldier has ever seen in all his life in drab, revolution-impoverished Russia. Perfume, champagne, butter, candy and other luxuries, almost unknown to the average Russian lad, are being lambasted as "cheap glitter of the blood-sucking employer class which lives off the veins of the worker." A corps of the Soviet's most able writers has been assigned to the task of showering such propaganda on the invading Russian troops. The question is raised of what the Russian soldier will think and do when he returns to the home land with reports of what he has seen of the much higher standard of living in the capitalistic world.

New Underground Railway

Reports have come from the South which indicate that large land owners and plantation operators are using threats and often physical violence to keep Negro workers from migrating from their starvation farm jobs to industrial centers where higher wages are offered. A War Manpower Commission ruling requires a Negro worker to get a release from the country farm agent before leaving the community. The new and growing Farmers Union reports that thousands of Negroes are fleeing these areas to northern jobs via the old "underground" method, hidding in appointed shelters by day and traveling by night.

Violence Aids Unions

Labor conflicts in the South continue. While southern Federal courts nearly always recognize the rights of workers to organize, state and county courts, under the domination of local mill, factory and plantation bosses, in many instances still permit absurd and illegal practices to prevail to prevent low wage groups even from being visited by outside union representatives. The CIO has a strong legal staff, and many CIO organizers are permitting themselves to be arrested to bring test cases to higher courts so the CIO lawyers can secure decisions that nullify lower court rulings. Many cases of violence occur that are never reported in the papers. CIO organizers are jailed, flogged, tarred, feathered and otherwise abused in a way that arouses an ever-increasing hatred among the poorly paid unorganized workers for their bosses. Thus, in the long run, the very methods used by the southern anti-labor forces build up and accelerate the growing sympathy and respect of the workers for the unions that are trying to break through the barriers to organize them. Whether the unions are right or wrong ceases to be the issue when workers see organizers subjected to illegal and inhuman persecution, and the cause of organized labor is steadily advanced in the most powerful way.

Poll Tax

Virginia is turning against the poll tax,—some of the state's most important figures opposing it openly. Congressmen Woodrum, Frazier and Satterfield advocate an end to this barrier against the Negro vote; Governor Darden is said privately to believe the poll tax, it is now practiced, should be abolished.

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Land and Industrial "Reforms"

As they are doing in Poland, the Russian authorities are dividing up the estates of Estonia and are giving the lands to the farmers who are to pay the Soviet on a long term basis. No reimbursement goes to the former large land owners. Also, all industries employing over ten persons are being taken over by the new "Estonian Peasants and Workers Republic." This might indicate that complete collectivization of industry and land as it exists in Russia proper is on the way, but the new spokesmen for the Estonian republic of the USSR say no. However, we venture a prophecy that, after some months, collectivization will begin quietly under a disguise of "further agrarian and industrial reforms," both in the Russian occupied Baltic states and in Poland, and we also prophesy that the world won't hear of it until long after the change has become effective.

Bank and Steel Monopoly Suits

Watch for monopoly suits against outstanding banking firms in Wall Street soon after election. Anti-trust proceedings charging restraint of trade are being prepared by the Department of Justice against certain New York investment banking firms, but action will not be taken before the election in order to protect the department from accusations of "politics" such as were made following action against the nation's major railroads. The government is also working on suits that will reveal how the great eastern steel companies are using every means possible to prevent the development of steel production in the west where shipping and resources would greatly benefit public interest.

The Future of Medicine

Here is a report from a newsman in Washington that should interest every doctor. There is definite planning among administration sociologists for the introduction of socialized medicine on a national scale if the New Deal stays in. The overworked older doctors are dying at the rate of about 4,000 per year. Because pre-medical students are not being deferred from the draft, we are acquiring new physicians at the rate of only 1,500 per year. By 1948, with the war over and war casualties among medical officers and the vast medical care of veterans to face, we shall have a greater shortage of physicians than we have *even now*. The American Medical Association, foreseeing this, has urged the White House to take steps to increase the preparation of doctors, but, instead, the Wagner-Murray socialized medicine bill stands in the offing with no other action from the administration in prospect. When the country's desperation for medical service reaches a peak, the socialized medicine bill will be pushed, no doubt successfully. So, the only way to avoid this, many medical authorities believe, is for doctors to push their own reforms of the present medical system so that a middle-road of medical service, preserving the best elements of private practice, may be established. Doctors have a heavy job of policing to do in their own ranks if they want the public to stand by them against government-sponsored socialized medicine.